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Humbly offer'd to the Honourable Houſe of COMMONS, *on the Behalf of ſeveral* Land-Owners *and* Tenants *in the Pariſhes of* Mims, Ridge, Shenley, *and* Totteridge, *and ſeveral other Pariſhes in the Counties of* Middleſex *and* Hertfordſhire, *againſt a Bill, Entituled,* A Bill for the Repairing the Road from the Town of *Highgate*, to, and beyond the Town of *Whetſtone* in the County of *Middleſex*.

THAT the Road intended to be amended by this Bill, leads from the City of *London*, to the Northern Parts of *Great-Britain*, and lies between a certain Place, called by the Name of *Cherry-Tree-Hill*, and a Place call'd *Prickloes*, alias *Pritloes Hill*, between the Towns of *Highgate* and *Barnet*, upwards of four Miles in Length: All which Way is in the Pariſh of *Finchley*, in the County of *Middleſex*.

THAT the Rents of the Pariſh of *Finchley* amount to upwards of Three Thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, and conſequently they have no Need of this extraordinary Method to amend their Road; for that there are Teams and Labourers in that Pariſh ſufficient, if they were ſet to work, as the Law directs, effectually to keep all the Roads in good Repair, without laying any Burthen on other Pariſhes: There likewiſe being ſeveral Gravel-Pits on the Common near the Road intended to be amended.

THAT the Pariſh of *Finchley* have not above Three Miles to amend of the intended Road; and they have likewiſe an Eſtate ſettled on Feoffees in Truſt for the amending their Cauſeways, and ſeveral other Matters in the ſaid Pariſh of *Finchley*.

THAT the Pariſh of *Finchley* having been aſſiſted, as aforeſaid, for, and towards the amending their Roads, they have not made any, or at leaſt but very ſmall Rates for the Repairing or Amending the ſame, as may be made appear in the Caſe of one *John Lawrence* lately deceaſed, who was made a Surveyor, and ſerved the Office from *Chriſtmas* 1709, to *Chriſtmas* 1710, and disburs'd that Year Four Pounds eighteen Shillings and nine Pence, which was never paid to him in his Life-time, and is now unpaid to his Widow; the Pariſh having refuſed to make a Rate to reimburſe him.

THE Neglect of the ſaid Pariſh of *Finchley*, for ſeveral Years paſt, hath been the Cauſe of the Ruine of the ſaid Roads; conſidering that ſuch prodigious Quantity of Gravel is found ſo near the ruinous Places thereof, that would have render'd the ſaid Pariſh fully capable to amend the ſame.

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ANOTHER Reaſon of the Badneſs of the Road is, That ſeveral Perſons in the ſaid Pariſh, draw away great Quantities of the Driſt to manure their Land; and the Surveyors being overaw'd, or Parties to that Practice, no Notice is taken thereof.

NOTE alſo, That the Pariſhioners of *Finchley* are exempt from paying any Toll at *Highgate*; the Reaſon whereof is preſumed to be; Becauſe they of Right are to amend the ſaid Road.

THE Propoſal for Erecting a Turn-Pike or Barr within Five Miles of *London*, is without Precedent; none being put up within Twelve Miles of the ſaid City, by Virtue of any Act of Parliament already made.

NOTE, It was offered by the Petitioners Counſel before the Committee, That the Petitioners of *Mims*, *Ridge*, *Shenley*, and *Totteridge*, would undertake to amend the Roads intended by the Bill to be amended, without the Aſſiſtance of any Toll whatſoever; they having a Rate of Six Pence *per Pound*, granted them by the Pariſh of *Finchley*, for Three Years ſucceſſively, and *Finchley* be obliged to perform their Statute Work; and that they, the ſaid Pariſhes of *Mims*, *Ridge*, *Shenley*, and *Totteridge*, would give undeniable Security to repair the ſame, to the Satisfaction of the Juſtices of *Middleſex* or *Hertford*, at their General Quarter Seſſions.

For theſe REASONS, *it is humbly Pray'd, That the ſaid* BILL *for amending the ſaid High-Ways, as aforeſaid, by taxing the Eſtates of Gentlemen and Travellers, only to raiſe the Rents of the Pariſh of* Finchley, *may not paſs.*

ALL which is humbly ſubmitted to the Wiſdom of this *Honourable Houſe.*

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REASONS

Humbly offered againſt the Bill For Repairing the Road from the Town of *Highgate*, to, and beyond the Town of *Whetſtone*, in the County of *Middleſex.*